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Mr. Michael Morisy
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RE: FOIA-2013-00300
CPA Weekly Reports

Dear Mr. Morisy:

This letter is the final response to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request dated January 29, 2013, in which you requested a copy of each Congressional and Public Affairs Weekly Activity Report, from January 1, 2009 to January 29, 2013.

In responding to a FOIA request, the Department of Agriculture's Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS) search will include responsive records in its control on the date the search began.

Your request is granted in part, at no cost. We have located 111 pages that are responsive to your request. After a thorough review, we have determined that portions of the documents are exempt from disclosure under (b)(4) and (b)(5) of the FOIA of 1974, 5 U.S.C. §552, as amended. We are releasing a total of 111 pages: 55 pages released in part, and 56 pages released in their entirety. Enclosed on a CD are the releasable portions of the responsive records.

FOIA Exemption 4 protects "trade secrets and commercial or financial information obtained from a person that is privileged or confidential," which are proprietary in nature. Disclosure of this information would impair the government's ability to obtain necessary information in the future and may cause substantial harm to the competitive position of the person from whom the information was obtained.

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Your FOIA request, including your identity and the information made available, is releasable to the public under subsequent FOIA requests. In responding to these requests, FSIS does not release personal information, such as home addresses, telephone numbers, or Social Security Numbers, all of which are protected from disclosure under FOIA Exemption 6.

Sincerely,



Leilani B. Hannie
Director, FOIA Office
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